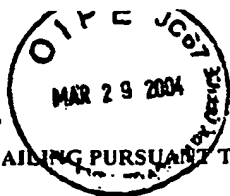


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In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, the period for response being extended two (2) months, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

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01 FC:2253 **In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 7-9 and 11-24 and amend claims 1, 6 and 10 as set forth herein.

The currently pending claims (7 total claims, 1 independent claim) are shown in the following section entitled "CURRENTLY PENDING CLAIMS."

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